

Remarks

Claims 1-21 are pending in the application. Claims 1, 2, 4-13 and 15-21 were rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Haber et al. (US 6,185,536), hereafter "Haber" in view of Gong, (US 6,577,997). Claims 3 and 14 have been indicated as containing allowable subject matter. Applicants gratefully appreciate the indication of allowable subject matter. Applicants have herein amended 1, 11, 15, and 17-19 and canceled claims 2, 3, 7-10 and 12-14. No new matter is believed added.

The Final Office Action states that the prior art "fails to teach comparing an averaged probability score to a threshold ...," as recited in claims 3 and 14. Applicants have herein added this feature to each of the pending independent claims. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that the application is in condition for allowance.

If the Examiner believes that anything further is necessary to place the application in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact Applicants' undersigned representative at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,



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